

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/844,671

Examiner

Russell Frejd

Applicant(s)

THEKKATH ET AL.

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's RCE/IDS received 27 Septemebr 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 9.27.05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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**RUSSELL FREJD**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

In re Application of: Thekkath et al.

***Allowance of Application # 09/844,671***

1. The following communication is in response to applicant's RCE and IDS received 27-September-2005.

***Reasons for Allowance***

2. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. The instant application is directed to a non-obvious improvement over the invention described in U.S. Patent No. 6,145,123 to Torrey, the improvement comprising a system and method for tracing instructions in a microprocessor core that supports execution of instructions in a plurality of instruction pipelines, wherein trace data for one or more instructions in a group of instructions issued together is held until all of the instructions in the group execute in the plurality of instruction pipelines, wherein information enabling determination of a static schedule of the group is transmitted along with trace data for the group, the static schedule indicating instruction execution sequence in the multiple instruction pipelines. This patentable distinction is included in each of the independent claims, nos. 1, 9, 17, 18, and 20.

In a further embodiment, claim 21 includes an improvement for generating trace data associated with a plurality of instructions having a program order, wherein each of the plurality of instructions is executed by one of a plurality of instruction pipelines, and wherein the generated trace data includes program order information that enables a trace capture component to determine a relative order between instructions that were completed out of order by respective instruction pipelines.

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The art of record, either individually or in combination, fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious the useful, concrete and tangible <method for tracing instructions in a microprocessor core> having the corresponding structure which is disclosed in the specification and equivalents thereof at least at page 3, paragraph 1016 through page 47, paragraph 1166, and Figures 1-9. In view of the foregoing, the claims of the present application are found to be patentable over the prior art.

### ***Response Guidelines***

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should clearly be labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

3.1 Any response to the Examiner in regard to this allowance should be

**directed to:** Russell Frejd, telephone number (571) 272-3779, Monday-Friday from 0530 to 1400 ET, or the examiner's supervisor, Kamini Shah, telephone number (571) 272-2279. Inquires of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC2100 Group Receptionist (571) 272-2100.

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Date: 31-October-2005

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